



Unit 13 | Session 2

ELIJAH SERVED AS A PROPHET

1 Kings 16-18

When Ahab became the king of Israel, he was the most evil king of all. Ahab led the Israelites away from God. They worshiped Baal (BAY uhl), a false god, instead. King Ahab's evil ways made God angry, so God sent a prophet named Elijah to speak to Ahab. Elijah said, "God will send a drought. No rain will fall in Israel for three years unless I say so."

God caused a drought. No rain fell in the land of Israel. People could not grow crops in the fields for food. So in addition to the drought, there was a famine. After three years, God was ready to send rain. Elijah went back to King Ahab. He told the king, "Meet me at Mount Carmel. Bring the people of Israel and the prophets who worship false gods."

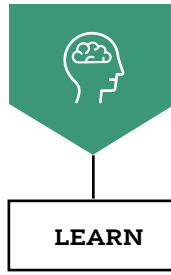
Elijah said, "Make up your minds! If you believe the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him." Elijah set up a challenge to show who is the one true God. Elijah said, "Call to Baal and ask him

to send fire to your altar. I will call on the LORD. The God who answers by sending fire is the one true God."

The prophets of Baal worshiped their false god. "Answer us!" they said. But no one answered. Then Elijah set up an altar, dug a trench around it, and put a bull on it. Elijah told the people to pour water on the altar so everything was wet. Then Elijah prayed: "LORD, answer me so that these people will know that You are God."

Suddenly, God sent fire from the sky. When the people saw this, they fell facedown and said, "The LORD, He is God! The LORD, He is God!"

Christ Connection: The one true God is not like the false gods. We do not have to work hard to show God we love Him. Instead, He showed His love for us by sending His Son, Jesus. Jesus died to rescue us from sin, and He hears us when we cry out to Him.



THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

» Look up 1 Kings 18 in your Bible to help you number the statements in the correct order from 1–8.

- _____ God sent rain to Israel.
- _____ The false prophets cried out to Baal to send fire from heaven.
- _____ God sent the prophet Elijah to warn Ahab about the drought.
- _____ King Ahab lead Israel to sin against God by worshiping the false god Baal.
- _____ Elijah met King Ahab on Mt. Carmel.
- _____ A drought and famine came to Israel.
- _____ Elijah cried out to the one true God to send fire from heaven.
- _____ God answered Elijah's prayer and fire burned up the wet altar.

» What does this story teach us about God?

» Why can we confidently pray to God like Elijah?

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LOVE

THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

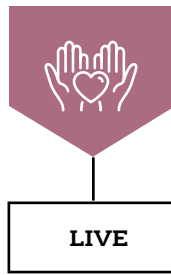
» How can we stand firm in following God when others turn away from God?

» How can we know God hears us when we pray?

» Do I have to do anything to be saved and earn God's love?

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THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

» Find Deuteronomy 6:4-5 in your Bible and write the words below.

» Write a prayer to God, thanking God that He hears you when you pray and asking Him to help you follow Him.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

☐ Deuteronomy 34:35-39

☐ Luke 4:8

☐ 2 Kings 17:35-39

☐ Philippians 3:3

☐ Isaiah 45:18

☐ Revelation 22:3